

Parish Council Update – December 2012

Bin Collections

The Council has accepted funding of £3.14m which will enable weekly bin collections to continue to at least 2016/17. Around £840k will be used to develop recycling services and to increase levels of recycling.

Weather Updates

Following flooding and the possibility of snow and ice, information on services such as transport for the public, schools and recipients of adult services is being frequently updated on the Council's website. Gritting updates, a gritter route map and vehicle tracker can also be found at the following link; <http://www.bedford.gov.uk/winterupdates>

Hospital Petition

There is still time for residents to sign the Council's petition to support services at Bedford Hospital. As part of the Healthier Together review of hospital services in the South East Midlands area, two hospitals of Bedford, Milton Keynes, Kettering, Northampton and Luton & Dunstable face the possibility of seeing some services such as A& E and maternity downgraded in an attempt to specialise services on specific sites to improve quality and secure savings.

In response, all political parties on the Council agreed to set up the petition to support the maintenance of existing service provision at Bedford Hospital. The petition can be signed up until the 19th December at www.bedford.gov.uk/supportbedfordhospital. More information on the Healthier Together proposals can be found at <http://www.healthiertogethersoutheastmidlands.nhs.uk/>.

Gypsy and Traveller Site

The Council's Planning department has confirmed that procurement and delivery of the Meadow Lane site is on target. It is set to be in place by the end of 2013.